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Draft report

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Chapter ___
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development held its fourth session from 27 May to 7 June 2002, as recommended in its decision 2001/PC/1. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held ___ meetings (1st to ___), meetings of the working groups and a number of informal meetings.

Opening statements

2. At the 1st meeting, on 27 May, the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, Emil Salim (Indonesia), made an opening statement.

3. The State Minister of the Environment of Indonesia, Nabiel Makarim, gave a welcoming address.

4. The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and Secretary-General of the Summit made an introductory statement.

Other presentations

5. At the 1st meeting, on 27 May, the Director, Ministry for Agriculture, Nature Management and Fisheries of the Netherlands, Hans Hoogeveen, presented the outcome of the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, on behalf of the President of the Conference, Geke Faber (Netherlands).

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6. At the same meeting, Tuiloma Neroni Slade (Samoa), Co-Chairman of the United Nations open-ended informal consultative process on ocean affairs, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 54/33, presented the results of the third meeting of the process.

7. At the 3rd meeting, on 29 May, the Prince of Orange of the Netherlands addressed the Commission acting as the preparatory committee in his capacity as a member of the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on the issue of water.

B. Attendance

8. In accordance with paragraph 13 of General Assembly resolution 55/199, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee was open-ended to allow for the full participation of all States.

9. The following States were represented: Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

10. The European Community was represented.

11. The following United Nations organs and programmes were represented: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations University, United Nations Volunteers, World Food Programme.

12. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Meteorological Organization, International Maritime Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, International Atomic Energy Agency, World Trade Organization.

13. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Asian Development Bank, Association of South-East Asian Nations, Baltic 21 (Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region), Caribbean Community, Center for International Forestry Research, Common Fund for Commodities, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Convention on Wetlands, European Space Agency, Global Environment Facility, International Organization of la Francophonie, International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Nordic Council of Ministers, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, North South Centre of the Council of Europe, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, The OPEC Fund for International Development.

14. The observers for the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly and maintaining permanent offices at Headquarters, attended the session.

15. The following convention secretariats attended the session: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity.

16. A large number of non-governmental organizations attended the session.

C. Officers of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee

17. The Officers of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee were elected at its first session and remained as follows:

Chairman

Emil Salim (Indonesia)

Vice-Chairpersons

Maria Luiza Ribeiro Viotti (Brazil)
Richard Ballhorn (Canada)
Jan Kára (Czech Republic)
Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt)
Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica)
Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan)
Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria)
Alexandru Niculescu (Romania)
Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden)

18. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee agreed that the Vice-Chairperson, Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica) would also serve as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda and organization of work

19. At its 1st meeting, on 27 May, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document A/CONF.199/PC/15. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Consideration of the revised Chairman's paper transmitted from the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, together with other relevant inputs to the preparatory process.
3. Elaboration of possible elements for a political document to be submitted for consideration and adoption by heads of State or Government.
4. Multi-stakeholder dialogue segment.
5. Organization of the work of the Summit.
6. Other matters.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee on its fourth session.

20. At the same meeting, the Chairman reminded the Commission acting as the preparatory committee of the following arrangements regarding the distribution of tasks among the Vice-Chairpersons: Co-Chairs of Working Group I: Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan), Maria Luiza Viotti (Brazil); Co-Chairs of Working Group II: Richard Ballhorn (Canada), Ihab Gamaleldin (Egypt); Co-Chairs of Working Group III: Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden), Ositadinma Anaedu (Nigeria). Vice-Chairpersons Jan Kára (Czech Republic) and Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica) acted as facilitators for type two initiatives.

E. Accreditation of intergovernmental organizations as observers to the preparatory process and the Summit

21. At its 1st and 4th meetings, on 27 and 31 May, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the accreditation of the following intergovernmental organizations as observers: Asian Development Bank, Baltic 21 (Agenda 21 for the Baltic Sea Region), Center for International Forestry Research, Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, Global Biodiversity Information Facility, International Joint Commission, International Parliamentary Union, North South Centre of the Council of Europe, Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development, South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme, South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, The OPEC Fund for International Development.

F. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations as observers to the preparatory process and the Summit

22. At its 1st meeting, on 27 May, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee approved the accreditation of a number of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to participate as observers in the preparatory process and the Summit, as contained in annex I of document A/CONF.199/PC/20, with the exception of the World Sindhi Institute.

World Sindhi Institute

23. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided that the decision on the request for accreditation by the World Sindhi Institute should be in accordance with the decision taken by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, which was currently considering its application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Movement of Reconstruction and Development

24. Also at the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided not to accredit the Movement of Reconstruction and Development (see A/CONF.199/PC/20) due to lack of relevant information.

Body Shop International

25. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided to remove Body Shop International from the list of accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups, in view of the fact that it had already been accredited as the Body Shop Foundation.

3663 Food First

26. Also at the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee was informed that 3663 Food First had withdrawn its application for accreditation and should therefore be removed from the list.

Solar Energy Systems

27. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee decided to remove Solar Energy Systems from the list of accredited non-governmental organizations and other major groups, in view of the fact that it had not responded to enquiries regarding its status and had not registered to participate in the fourth session.

Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy

28. At its 4th meeting, on 31 May, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee considered the request by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy for accreditation to participate in the work of the preparatory process and the Summit (see A/CONF.199/PC/20, annex II).

29. At the same meeting, the attention of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee was drawn to a letter dated 14 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

objecting to the accreditation of the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy.

30. Also at the same meeting, the representative of the United States of America proposed that the request for accreditation by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy be approved.

31. At the same meeting, the representative of Spain (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, as well as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta and Poland) made a statement in support of th proposal made by the United States.

32. At the same meeting, the representative of China put forward a motion to take no action on the request for accreditation by the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, and requested that a roll-call vote be conducted in that regard.

33. At the same meeting, statements in favour of the motion put forward by China were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Cuba.

34. Also at the same meeting, statements against the motion put forward by China were made by the representatives of the United States of America and Spain (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta and Poland).

35. At the same meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee, carried the motion for no action by a roll-call vote of 90 to 37, with 10 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Against:

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tuvalu, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America.

Abstaining:

Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Chad, Guatemala, Holy See, India, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Romania, Senegal.

G. Documentation

36. The list of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee is contained in the annex.

Chapter ___
Multi-stakeholder dialogue segment

37. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held a multi-stakeholder dialogue at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 27 and 29 May 2002. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/CONF.199/PC/18 and Add.1-9).

Sustainable development governance

38. At the 2nd plenary, the Chairman opened the multi-stakeholder dialogue and made a statement.

39. Presentations on sustainable development governance were made by the representatives of the following major group partners: women, youth, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological communities, and farmers.

40. The representatives of the United States and South Africa gave initial reactions to the presentations made by the major group partners.

Sustainable development governance at the local level

41. At the 2nd meeting, the Chairman initiated the interactive dialogue.

42. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held an interactive dialogue on sustainable development governance at the local level, during which interventions were made by the representatives of local authorities, trade unions, Spain (on behalf of the European Community), business and industry, non-governmental organizations, scientific and technological communities, and women.

Sustainable development governance at the national level

43. At the 2nd meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee held an interactive dialogue on sustainable development governance at the national level, during which interventions were made by the representatives of business and industry, trade unions, Belgium, youth, scientific and technological communities, indigenous peoples, farmers and the United States.

Sustainable development governance at the regional and global levels

44. At the 2nd meeting, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee held an interactive dialogue on sustainable development governance at the regional and global levels, during which interventions were made by the representatives of non-governmental organizations, trade unions, Finland, women, local authorities, youth, indigenous peoples, business and industry.

45. At the 2nd meeting, the Co-Chairpersons of Working Group III, Lars-Göran Engfeldt (Sweden) and Ositadimna Anaedu (Nigeria), commented on the dialogues.

Discussion Groups I and II

46. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee held two discussion groups as part of the multi-stakeholder dialogue: Discussion Group I on capacity-building for sustainable development, co-chaired by Richard Ballhorn (Canada) and Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan), and Discussion Group II on major groups framework for partnership initiatives, co-chaired by Jan Kára (Czech Republic) and Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica).

Discussion Group I (Capacity-building for sustainable development)

47. At the 3rd meeting, on 29 May, the Co-Chairpersons of Discussion Group I on capacity-building for sustainable development, Richard Ballhorn (Canada) and Kyotaka Akasaka (Japan), summarized the discussions in the Group.

48. Statements were made by the representatives of the following major group partners: women, youth, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological communities, and farmers.

Discussion Group II (Major groups framework for partnership initiatives)

49. At the 3rd meeting, the Co-Chairpersons of Discussion Group II on major groups framework for partnership initiatives, Jan Kára (Czech Republic) and Diane Marie Quarless (Jamaica), summarized the discussions in the Group.

50. Statements were made by the representatives of the following major group partners: women, youth, indigenous peoples, non-governmental organizations, local authorities, trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological communities, and farmers.

51. Statements on the outcome of the discussion groups were then made by Norway and Spain (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union).

Future priorities

52. At the 3rd meeting, statements on future priorities were made by the representatives of farmers, scientific and technological communities, business and industry, trade unions, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, indigenous peoples, youth and women.

53. The representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement.

54. The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

55. Statements were made by the Cercle Mondial du Consensus, a non-governmental organization, and Civil Society (South Africa).

Annex

List of documents before the Commission acting as the preparatory committee at its fourth session

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
A/CONF.199/PC/15	1	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.199/PC/15/Add.1/Rev.1	1	Proposed organization of work
A/CONF.199/PC/16	2	Letter dated 18 March 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Niger to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee
A/CONF.199/PC/17	2	Letter dated 5 April 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/18	4	Note by the Secretary-General on the multi-stakeholder dialogue segment
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.1	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by women
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.2	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by youth
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.3	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by indigenous peoples
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.4	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by non-governmental organizations
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.5	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by local authorities
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.6	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by trade unions
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.7	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by business and industry
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.8	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by scientific and technological communities
A/CONF.199/PC/18/Add.9	4	Addendum: dialogue paper by farmers' organizations

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A/CONF.199/PC/19	1	Letter dated 14 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General
A/CONF.199/PC/20	1	Note by the Secretary-General on the accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/21/Rev.1	1	Note by the Secretariat on the participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the Summit
A/CONF.199/PC/L.1/Rev.1	2	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the revised Chairman's paper
A/CONF.199/PC/L.3		Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Vice-Chairpersons' paper on an institutional framework for sustainable development
A/CONF.199/PC/L.4	1	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation
A/CONF.199/PC/L.6	7	Draft report
A/CONF.199/PC/INF.2	-	Information for participants
A/CONF.1999/PC/CRP.2	-	Note by the Secretariat transmitting the Hague Ministerial Declaration of the sixth Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity

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Organization of the work of the Summit

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on behalf of the Bureau

Matters related to the organization of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee, recalling the decision of its organizational session entitled "Tentative organization of work during the World Summit on Sustainable Development", and recalling also General Assembly resolution 56/226 of 24 December 2001, in which the Assembly requested the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, to decide on all remaining issues related to the organization of work of the Summit, including specific details of the series of events to be held in partnership with stakeholders, the short multi-stakeholder event involving the highest level of representation from major groups and Governments and the round-table meetings to be held at the level of heads of State or Government:

(a) Decides that the series of partnership events involving stakeholders, which, in accordance with the decision of the first session of the preparatory committee, will take place in the plenary during the first week of the Summit, would provide an opportunity for:

(i) Recognizing partnerships and initiatives organized by Governments, international organizations and major groups in support of the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the Summit;

(ii) Generating further partnerships and initiatives in support of the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the Summit;

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(iii) Identifying areas that did not attract partnerships and that would require further work after the conclusion of the Summit;

(iv) An interactive discussion with the participation of heads of international organizations and financial institutions on the role of multilateral institutions in the implementation of sustainable development at all levels.

(b) Decides also that the general debate among heads of State or Government in the plenary will take place on Monday, 2 September (morning, afternoon and evening sessions, if required), Tuesday, 3 September (morning, afternoon and evening sessions, if required), and Wednesday, 4 September 2002 (morning session), and that the time limit for statements will be seven minutes. The list of speakers will be established by drawing of lots;

(c) Decides further, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 2 above, that general statements by delegations that are not represented at the level of head of State or Government, by entities, intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in their capacity of observers in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, by the specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, interested United Nations organs, representatives of major non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the Summit and by associate members of regional commissions will be made in the plenary during the period from Thursday, 29 August, to Friday, 30 August 2002. The list of speakers will be established by drawing of lots, in accordance with the customary protocol, which ensures that Ministers speak first, followed by other heads of delegations, and observers;

(d) Decides that the short multi-stakeholder event involving the highest level of representation from both major groups and Governments will take place on Wednesday, 4 September 2002, after the conclusion of the general debate in the plenary and before adoption of the final documents and the closure of the Summit. The objective of this event would be to provide a forum for all major groups to renew their commitment to sustainable development and to the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the Summit;

(e) Decides also that four round tables, at the level of heads of State or Government, will be organized in parallel with the general debate under one theme, "Making it Happen!". The round tables will take place on Monday, 2 September 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Tuesday, 3 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 4 September from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will have the following modalities:

(i) Each of the round tables will comprise seventy seats: up to fifty for Government delegations and twenty for other participants, including the specialized agencies of the United Nations and related organizations and major groups;

(ii) Any given State, international organization or representative of a major group can participate in only one of the round tables;

(iii) Only heads of State or Government participating in a round table can be accompanied by an additional person, who will be seated behind

(iv) Generally, only heads of State or Government will be invited to speak during the round tables;

(v) A limited number of heads of United Nations organizations and agencies, which are members of the Chief Executives Board, as well as chief executive officers of private enterprises and representatives at similar levels from other major groups may also be invited to speak at the round tables;

(vi) The round tables will be chaired by heads of State or Government, who will be invited by the President of the Summit to perform this function. The chairpersons of the four round tables will come from the Asian Group, the Eastern European Group, the Latin American and Caribbean Group, and the Group of Western European and other States;

(vii) States will be invited by the Secretariat to inscribe in order to participate in one of the round tables in advance of the Summit, bearing in mind that the total number of States participating in any given round table should not exceed fifty, as provided in paragraph 5 (i) above;

(viii) Proceedings of the round tables will be telecast in an "over-flow room" open to the media;

(ix) The outcomes of the round tables will be reflected in the summaries of the chairpersons, which will be reported to the closing plenary meeting of the Summit and included in the final report of the Summit;

(f) Palestine, in its capacity as observer, shall participate in the general debate and one of the round tables, provided that it is represented by its highest ranking official.